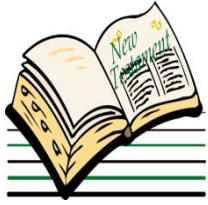


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Final Judgment of God"

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Theme: God will give perfect justice and vindication when He returns. The reason we wait is because it forces us to get rid of our own selfish motives and to meld our will and desires with God's purpose.

## I. Exposition of the Text

- A. God's Righteous \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- B. Two \_\_\_\_\_ for God's Judgment (6-7a)
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Those Who Afflict (6)
  - 2. Grant \_\_\_\_\_ to the Whole Church (7a)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Final Judgment (7b-8a)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ of this Retributive Judgment (8b)
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Retributive Judgment (9)
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Judgment (10)

## II. Further Scripture Evidence for a Final Judgment

## III. Nature of the Final Judgment

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Will Be the \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Will Be Judged
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Will Be Judged
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Will Be Judged
- E. God's People Will \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. What God's Judgment Will Reveal

- A. God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and Righteousness
- B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Applications

- A. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ will be a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of all that God's people  
have \_\_\_\_\_ for His sake. That is the real  
and final \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God's final judgment should \_\_\_\_\_ us  
because \_\_\_\_\_ and what is  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_.

C. God's final judgment should \_\_\_\_\_ us to live  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ lives in  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What was happening in the lives of the Thessalonian church when Paul wrote to them (1:4-5)?
2. Why did God ordain and allow these believers to go through persecutions and afflictions (1:5)?
3. What will happen to those who afflict and persecute God's people (1:6)?
4. What will God do for His afflicted people (1:7a)?
5. When will this take place (1:7b)?
6. What does the text indicated about the character of Christ's return (1:7b)?
7. Who will be negatively impacted by Christ's return (1:8)?
8. What kind of judgment will these people receive (1:9)?
9. What is the length of time that this judgment will impact these people (1:9)?
10. What will happen to God's people when Christ returns (1:10)?
11. How would the return of Christ have encouraged the Thessalonian church?
12. How do you think most people react when they are told about God's final and end of the age judgment?
13. When justice and what is right is not upheld, how does the knowledge that God will judge influence you?
14. Is it wrong or "sub-Christian" to live obediently to Christ out of fear and respect of a final judgment?
15. How does the knowledge that Christ will return motivate and encourage you in the present?
16. In view of the fact that God will judge everyone, how should this motivate us in sharing the Gospel?